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FIRE LOSS AT SALEM IS PLACED AT \$20,000,000

Nearly Half of the Buildings of Historic Old City Were Consumed by the Flames

10,000 OF ITS 45,000 RESIDENTS ARE HOMELESS

Fire Originated in Leather Factory on West Side and Ruined Every Building in a Curving Path Two Miles Long and Half a Mile Wide—Burning Embers Started Fires in Two Other Sections, One a Fashionable Resident District. the Other a Manufacturing and Tenement Section-Thousand of the Homeless are Camped on the Com-

mon-No Fatalities Reported. Salem, Mass., June 25.—Nearly half of the "Old Witch City" of Salem, rich in historic buildings and tradition, was devastated today and tonight by a fire that caused an estimated loss of \$20,000,000; destroyed one thousand buildings, including a score of manufacturing establishments and made ten thousand of the 45,000 residents.

The fire originated in the Korn Leather factory on the west side of the city about two o'clock this after-noon, swept through the shoe and eather manufacturing district, rulning

manufacturing district, ruining building in a curving path two long and more than half a mile

Burning embers, carried by a strong northwest wind, started fires in two other sections, the fashionable residential district adjacent to Lafayette street and a manufacturing and tenement house district on the peninsula bounded by Palmer's Cove, South River and the waterfront.

Fourth Fire Kindled. Fourth Fire Kindled.

Late in the evening a fourth fire was kindled by brands in the plant of the Salem Oil company in Mason street northwest of the Essex county courthouse. A terrilic explosion occurred when the oil tanks blew up and showers of sparks fell threateningly on that part of the town that before had not been in imminent danger. This fire, however, was checked after it had destroyed the oil company's plant and thirteen houses.

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on Derby street not far from the Peabody Museum, but it was thought that
the building and its valuable collection of curios would be saved.

"The House of the Seven Gables"
was also in the danger zone.
The fire burned a semi-circular path.
Originally driven in a southeasterly
direction from the foot of Gallows
Hill, the place where witches were
hanged, two and a half centuries ago,
it spread to South Salem and then
changed its course and crept steadily
in a northerly direction towards Town
House square, the center of the city's
retail business life.

Entire City Seemed Doomed.

For a time the entire city seemed doomed. Then the firemen concentrated their energies in a single point of defense near the Boston and Maine railroad station. Several buildings in rairoad station. Several buildings in this vicinity were dynamited, every available line of hose was directed against the approaching flames and late tonight it looked as though the fire been checked. No fatalities had been reported up to midnight, but in the confusion it was impossible to determine the casualties. Some fifty infured persons were received at the hos-

could save piled around them. Long lines of refugees, most of them on foot, and others in wagons, carriages and automobiles, crowded the road leading to Beveiry, where hundreds spent the night in the parks.

Early in the evening the electric light plant was burned out, throwing the city into darkness.

The high school, police station, state armory, churches and other public buildings were thrown open to the homeless ones and the city was policed by militiamen.

Poor Water Pressure.

The great destruction was due to poor water pressure.

The first spread of the fire was on the west side of the city. Territory about two miles long and more than half a mile wide was devastated.

In the meantime falling embers started fires in South Salem and the more exclusive residential part of the city. All the available fire fighting apparatus was in the historic Gallows Hill section where it had responded to a general arrangement and South Salem was left without protection. One building after another burst into fisnes.

For several hours the fire in this

Woved Like Huge Sickle.

Up Lafayette street swept the flames, maiting a clean path from the state normal school north to Cedar and Everett streets. From this point the front of the fire moved like a huge sickle across Saiem and Park streets to the water front. There was no apparatus here to check the flames.

At the start the water pressure was low and when the fight had become desperate a great water main near the Beverly bridge broke and the firemen were practically helpless.

Meantime calls for assistance had been sent to nearby cities.

Bernhardt Suffers from Twisted Knee.

PRESIDENT WILSON PROMISES GREAT BUSINESS BOOM Effect of Anti-Trust Legislation Soo

to Be Passed by Congress. Washington, June 25.—Under a "new constitution of freedom" for business given by anti-trust legislation soon to be passed by congress, President Wilson today promised the country the greatest business boom in its history. This was the president's final answer

This was the president's final answer to the opponents of trust legislation at this session of congress and to prophets of evil times, delivered with determined expression, and every word emphasized with a clenched fist.

"We know what we are doing," said Mr. Wilson. "We purpose to do it under the advice, for we have been fortunate enough to obtain the advice of men who understand the business of men who understand the business of

the country; and we know that the effect is going to be exactly what the effect of the currency reform was a sense of relief and security."

The president spoke to a group of Virginia editors in the east room of the White House but the the White House, but his assurances were intended for the country. A mili-tary aide in full dress uniform stood beside him, and there was every indi-cation that the speech was meant to se one of the most important of the administration. News of the failure of

in the day.

nspected Connecticut Coast Artillery -Reviewed State Troops and Regu-

Fishers Island, N. Y., June 25.—
Governor Baldwin is at Fort H. G.,
Wright today inspecting the Connecticut Coast artillery, which is in camp
here. He landed about 8.30 and a salute of 21 guns was fired by the regulars. Accompanying the governor was
Gen. Cole, the adjutant general, and
members of his staff and Capt Arthur
T. Keefe of New London, special aide
to the governor.

GENERAL VILLA'S FORCE

There will be no fusion in New York state.

A straight progressive ticket will be put in the field.

District Attorney Charles S. Whitman of New York, who has been talked of as a possible nominee of both the republican and progressive parties was repudiated by Colonel Roosevelt, who referred to him as a man subservient to the "Barnes machine."

Colonel Roosevelt said he had information that Mr. Whitman's candidacy was being promoted by William

Red Cross Ready to Assist.

Boston, June 15.—The following an-nouncement was made tonight from Manchester, Mass., by Miss Mabel C. Boardman, chairman of the national relief board of the American Red

Cross:
"The American Red Cross is ready

Roosevelt and Associates Settle Ques tions Concerning New York State.

formation that Mr. Whitman's candidacy was being promoted by William Barnes, republican state chairman.

Colonel Roosevelt's nomination for the governorship is being urged upon him by virtually all the progressive leaders in spite of his repeated statement that he would not run. GUNMEN FROM BUTTE

of Western Federation. Helena, Mont., June 25,-Police and guimen from Butte are in Heiena for the purpose of assassinating Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, who fied from Butte during the rioting in that city on Tuesday night. Three suspects were arrested here and the police and sheriff's force are endeavoring to lo-cate a fourth.

sheriff's force are endeavoring to locate a fourth.

Moyer is being closely guarded by sheriff's deputies and by members of the "refugee colony" of Butte miners who accompanied him to Helena.

The federation president was advised by friends in Butte than men had left for Helena to ettack him and throughout the day he kept close to his hotel. Once when he left to go to a telephone exchange he was followed by three men who were arrested.

Elevator Rope With Metal Core Came in Contact With Electric Current

AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM GEN. CARRANZA. To Make Definite His Position Upon

Reaching Monterey.

Washington, June 25.—Agent of the Mexican constitutionalists in Washington tonight awaited final instructions ton tonight awaited final instructions from General Carranza regarding the invitation extended for their participation in formal conferences with representatives of the United States and the Huerta government on plans to complete the pacification of Mexico. Carranza telegraphed his representatives today as he left Ealtillo that he would make definite his position upon reaching Monterey. He was expected in Monterey late today. His agents, Rafael Zubaran and Luis Cabrers, hoped to receive instructions by tomorrow morning.

Steaamship Arrivals. Havre, June 23.—Steamer Niagara, New York. Liverpool, June 24.—Steamer Arabia,

Cabled Paragraphs Resolute Wins

London, June 25.—American fire arms and American heiresses were the subjects of some amusing banter today between the rival Irish factions in the House of Commons.

Lorient, France, June 25.—Sarah Bernhardt was suffering from severe-ly twisted knee when she arrived here from Aix-les-Bains last evening. She was carried in a chair from the train to the automobile which conveyed her

call a public meeting at the state house tomorrow morning to take ac-tion for the relief of the sufferers from the H. B. Claffin company in New York had reached the White House earlier in the day. The president did not

GOVERNOR BALDWIN AT FORT WRIGHT

to be of any assistance desired in Sa-lem. As chairman of the national re-lief board I will go to Salem tomorrow and see the mayor. Have wired Ernest C. Bicknell, national director American Red Cross at Washington, to be pre-pared to give any assistance that may be required." PROGRESSIVE PARTY.

T. Keefe of New London, special aide to the governor.

Col. Barrette, U. S. A., and Colonel Dorsey, commanding the Connecticut Coast Artillery corps, accompanied Governor Balawin and General Cole on a visit to the batteries where the guardsmen were engaged in full service firing. At 1 o'clock his excellericy was the guest of the Connecticut officers at luncheon.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon the governor reviewed the Connecticut troops and the regulars. Oyster Bay, N. Y., June 25.—Theo-dore Roosevelt and his leading asso-ciates today finally settled questions which, it is felt, will decide the fate and the regulars.

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blew up a mine in the customs house without warning the women and children. Many constitutionalists who had entered the building also were buried in the wreck.

By sundown Tuesday the federals had been routed completely. How had been routed completely. many of them escaped had not

PLANNING A NATIONAL

FRENCH AMERICAN ORDER. Project Discussed by Independent So cieties of Massachusetts.

Springfield, Mass., June 25.—Plans for the organization of a national French-American erder were discussed in a convention of the delegates of a fifteen independent societies of Massachusetts in this city today. The independent societies decided to affiliate into a state organization and considered plans for the eventual amalgamation of the majority of the national French-American societies into one order. The business session marked the close of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Societe St. Jean Baptiste of Springfield.

Bridgeport, Conn., June 25.—H. B. Young, formerly employed as a butler at the home of Mrs. Belle Mulcahy, widow of F. J. Mulcahy, a well known widow of F. J. Mulcany, a well known business man, was arrested tonight, after he had broken into the Mulcahy home. The polics believe he is mentally unbalanced. Young is said to have wanted to marry Mrs. Mulcahy. When Young was heard breaking into the house tonight, the maid telephoned for the police and two detectives made the arrest.

Winter Sanctuary for Native Birds. Washington, June 25.—Smith and Minor islands, 14 miles north by west from Port Townsend, Wash., in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, have been set apart for the agricultural department as a breeding ground and winter sanctuary for native birds. The order signed today by President Wilson imposes heavy penalties for interference with the birds and their eggs.

Dynamite Explosion Kills Seven. Sheffield, Ala., June 25.—Seven per-sons were killed and more than a score injured late today by a dynamite explosion on the government dredge fleet at Smithsonia, on the Tennessee river. Two of the dead are white and

Cambridge, Mass., June 25.—Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general in the Taft cabinet, is in a private hospi-

Trying to Solve a Close Race Stamford Tragedy

Hearing Was Declared Closed Because of Her Physical Exhaustion-Chief of Police Exhibits Flatiron, With

Stamford, Conn., June 25.—Mrs. Hel-en M. Angle, who has been held on a coroner's order pending inquiry into the somewhat mysterious death on. Tuesday night of Waldo R. Ballou, a Glen Cove, N. Y. June 25.—Resolute had to fight for her yachting honors today for her cup class divals, Defiance and Vanitle, gave her a merry tussle over the greater part of the 33 3-4 over the greater part of the 33 3-4 miles course in upper Long Island sound. It was not until more than half the course had been sailed that the Herreshoff production assumed the leadership and even then she was forced to fairly fly over the last ten miles in order to overcome a four minute time allowance which she conceded to the Defiance. Time allowance cost the Vanitie second place after leading the Defiance at the finish by one minute and 47 seconds.

The Resolute defeated the Defiance by 3 minutes and 14 seconds and the Vanitie 8 minutes and three seconds in corrected time.

n corrected time. Defiance Shows Improvement. The improvement in the Defiance was the most encouraging feature of the race and keen yachtsmen predicted that the tri-city boat would yet prove a formidable contender for cup-

ALL THE WAY.

fore Resolute Assumed Leadership-

Time Allowance Cost Vanitie Sec

ond Place-Are to Race Again Today.

defending honors.

The yacht was well handled today and showed considerable speed on the reaches and ability to keep somewhere near the Resolute in a beat to the windward in moderate airs. The Van-itie also seemed to cling to the Res-olute a little better than in Tues-day's contest, although the Herreshoff yacht dropped both her rivals rapidly when the wind breezed up late in the

Race Sailed in Light Breeze. The race today was sailed in light and not altogether satisfactory airs, but the yachts finished with scuppers boiling.

The three cup yaohts formed a class today in the annual regatta of the New York Yacht club and a squadron of power and sail yachts assembled off the fifty year old club house at Gien Cove to see the start. A dozen smaller boats hovered about waiting for the committee to send the big fel-

lows away in order and clear the track for their sport.

A moderate breeze was diffting across the sound from the Connecticut shore when the starting signal was given at 12.15. All three of the cup works, had been cleating shout wear

For the first time since the series started, a real race between the three cup aspirants was on. The Defiance, despite her smaller head rig, climbed up to windward fully as fast as the Resolute during the first four of the six mile beat across the sound and at one time had a lead of nearly half a mile over the Herreshoff yacht, while the Vanitie clung tenaciously to the stern of the flag officers' boat. This second leg of the course brought out the best sport of the day, for near the second turn off Great Captain's Island it was seen that all three yachts were very close and that it was anybody's race. The Resolute picked up a better breeze under the island and in the last mile of the leg overhauled the Defiance but could not quite catch her.; The Owen boat luffed around the mark one minute and forty seconds in the lead over the Resolute, with the Vanitie close astern of the latter.

Defiance lively as fast as takenent in private. Mr. Downs said to make it as easy as possible for the witness and even would listen to a statement in private. Mr. Downs said to make it as easy as possible for the witness and even would listen to a statement in private. Mr. Downs said to make it as easy as possible for the witness and even would listen to a statement, The coroner wanted the physician, Dr. Stauh, called to tell of the patient's condition, but the doctor was not avaitable. The coroner then proceeded with other testimony and at 5 o'clock informed Mr. Downs demurred, and after argument they went into another room. Mrs. Angle was conducted there by Mrs. Cleary, the police matron, and she was heard to be moaning and sobbing as questions were asked. Almost an hour later Mrs. Angle went into the court room and was sworn. She leaned her arms on the coroner's desk and buried her face in them. She cred and moaned. The coroner is a statement in private. Mr. Downs he was net avaitable. The coroner then physician, Dr. Stauh, called to tell of the patient's cendition, but the doctor was not avaitable. The coroner then physician, D

the Vanitie close astern of the latter. Defiance Unable to Maintain Lead. It was a run down the wind to Lloyd's Neck and with her half-a-spinmaker and smaller reaching sails the Defiance proved unequal to the task of maintaining the lead. Still it was not until the turn was nearly reached and 18 miles of the course had been sailed, that she fell back into second place and the Resolute headed the procession again. The Vanitie seemed unsually sluggish in this spinnaker run and lost more than two minutes to the leaders.

Gybing around the leeward mark for the second time, the yachts started another six miles beat back to Great Captain's Island. The Resolute, picking up the freshening breeze first, drew rapidly away from the othfirst, drew rapidly away from the other yachts and had the race well in hand with the time allowance eliminated when she were around the last buoy and started on her romp home. Astern, the Defiance and Vanitie mixed it up tack for tack, until the latter finally nosed out ahead meeting the Defiance coming in on the port tack and forcing her about. The Cechran yacht, rounding the buoy was 26 seconds ahead of the Defiance, and mixed it up tack for tack, until the latter finally nosed out ahead meeting the Defiance coming in on the port tack and forcing her about. The Cochran yacht, rounding the buoy, was 16 seconds ahead of the Defiance, and with the breeze hitting up a ten knot gait, the three fliers headed across the sound to a rollicking finish under the green clad hills of Glen Cove.

The trio will—race tomorrow and Saturday off Oyster bay under the auspices of the Ecawanhaka-Corinthian Yacht club for a trophy offered by Commedere H, S. Vanderbilt of that club,

Appointments by Bishop Nilan.

Hartford, Conn., June 25.—The following official appointments of Bishop John J. Nilan of the Roman Catholic diocese of Hartford were announced today: Rev. John Augustine Sulfivan from St. Mary's church, Lakeville, to Sacred Heart church, Waterbury (assistant): Rev. Thomas J. Bullivan from St. John's church, Sizamford to St. Mary's Lakeville, (assistant): Rev. Andrew Farrell from Sacred Heart church, Waterbury to St. John's Stamford (assistant): Rev. John Wowalski to St. George's Bridgeport (protem): Rev. Stephen Grobol to St. Mary's Milford (protem): Rev. John J. McGrath to St. John's, Stamford (assistant), Appointments by Bishop Nilan.

MRS. ANGLE REFUSED TO AN-SWER QUESTIONS AT INQUEST

DEFIANCE SHOWS CLASS COLLAPSED IN CHAIR

Which He Thinks Blow Was Struck.

member of a prominent Stamford family, was tonight released in bonds of \$5,000 by order of Coroner Phelan. Bonds were furnished by her father, Leonard Blondel.

Leonard Blondel.

Mrs. Angle was on the stand at the inquest late today for a few minutes, but she refused to answer questions concerning her friendsship with Ballou and finally collapsed, falling out of the witness chair into the arms witness chair into the arms of her father. As she appeared to be

The condition of Mrs. Angle created a stir in the court room which for hours had been jammed to suffocation by spectators. Chief of Police Brennan in his testimony, had produced a number of exhibits, mostly of bloodstained clothing and also Ballou's hat and an electric flat iron. The hat, blood-soaked at one part of the crown had been found by officers who had visited Mrs. Angle's apartments Tuesday night, in a chest in which was visited Mrs. Angle's apartments Tuesday night, in a chest in which was other clothing. Ballou, a few minutes before, had been picked up in a dying condition just outside the building, near the entrance two stories below. The hat was partly crushed in. The flat iron had been found on an ironing board in another room. Coroner Phelan asked the chief why the iron was produced. Chief Brennan, picking up the iron, fitted its broad, flat edge into a dent in the hat. He volunteered his opinion that the dent volunteered his opinion that the de was made by the iron and that certain marks on the iron resembled blood stains. The coroner did not question further along this line.

What Mrs. Angle Told Police.

Ballou, according to a story told by Mrs. Angle, pitched headlong down a flight of stairs in the darkness after he had visited at her apartments. Mrs. Angle had further explained to the police that after Ballou had gone she prepared to retire when her attention was attracted by a noise in the lower hallway. She went down in her bare feet and underclothing and found Balyachts had been circling about near the line with big reaching sails in stops, as the first leg was down the Long Island shore to Lleyd's Neck. lou in a heap in the vestibule, Fear he was slightly intoxicated, she drag-ged him outside the door and left him, that she had trodden in blood and smeared her undergarments. She went back and tried to wipe up a pool of blood, but scurried back to her rooms when she heard an automobile cutside the building. In a few minutes the police were knocking at her door,

Advised to Make Ne Statement.

When the inquest was resumed today Coroner Phelan wanted Mr. Downs to present his client at ence. Mr. Downs declined, saying that a physician had said that he had been treating Mrs. Angle for several weeks for nervous trouble and it was unwise to

nervous trouble and it was unwise to have her subjected to the strain of testifying. Mr. Phelan said he would make it as easy as possible for the witness and even would listen to a statement in private. Mr. Downs said

The coroner thought she could an-

night?"
Mr. Downs: "I advise you not to answer."
Mr. Phelan: "I will give you five minutes in which to answer that."
Mr. Downs told Mrs. Angle that she could say that she refused to answer.

Omaha, Neb., June 25.—The United States, federal court, W. H. Munger and T. C. Munger sitting, tonight granted the appeal of the Union Pacific Railroad company from the decision divorcing the St. Joseph and Grand Island road from the Union Pacific and left the Union Pacific in operating control of the subsidiary lines.

Condensed Telegrams

The Senate passed the Indian appro-priation bill carrying approximately 10,000,000.

King Peter I, of Servia, abdicated the hrone in favor of his second son Prince Alexander.

Samuel H. Blake, lawyer and former Vice Chancellor of Ontario, died in To-ronto, aged 79 years. George Newman, 78 years old, of Haddonville, N. J., was struck and kill-

ed by an express train. Militant suffragettas destroyed a large quantity of mail by pouring acid in several London letter-boxes.

ing the Baltic and North Seas, was of-ficially opened by Emperor William. Walter Hines Page, Ambassador to England, received the degree of docto of civil laws from Oxford University

Emperor William has offered a cup o the winner of the sonderklasse yach ace at the Panama-Pacific Exposi Captain Agassiz, of the steamer

Uranium, which arrived from Rotter-dam, reported sighting a white whale off Halifax.

Edwin Bowen and Fred Engle, two boys of Martin's Ferry, Ohio, were killed when their milk wagon was struck The British censor has raised his ban

on Maurice Maeterlinck's play, "Mon na Vanna," the performance of which had been prohibited Tyrus Cobb, baseball player, plend ed guilty in Justice court at Detroit, Mich., to a charge of disturbing the peace and paid a \$50 fine.

ly injured by a fall from a subway platform while demonstrating a few tango steps to two women. The bodies of ten fishermen were re-covered and 25 more are missing, be-lieved to have been drowned in a storm

Thomas Coyl of New York was bad-

which swept Lake Constance. Jacob P. Adler, an actor, of New York, was robbed of \$2,300 in cash and money orders. The notes twallet carried in his pocket. The notes were in a

Francisco, which has been unders repairs in the Navy Yard at New leans, has sailed for Vera Cruz. The body of William Shearer, who had been missing from Amsterdam, N. Y., for two weeks was found in a cis-tern in the cellar of his home.

The United States

Edward Collins, 10 years old, of Springfield, Mass., was awarded \$14.-000 in his suit against Holyoke Street Railway Co., for the loss of a leg.

At the Northern Baptist Convention

in Boston it was announced that John D. Rockefeller had given \$100,000 toward the missionary debt of \$275,000. duced a bill prohibiting the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors eer and ale in the District of Colum-

Henry J. Burton, the negro who threatened to blow up the new Cunard Liner Aquitania unless he reveived \$10,000, was held for trial in \$10,000

The complaint againt Alfred Gaunt, a manufacturer of Methuen, Miss, who was arrested last month charged with Street care traffic in the Brooklyn

Bridge was held up for 20 minute when a DeKalb Avenue car jumped the tracks as it neared the New York end Commencement exercises at Norwich University were held today. After the formal program on the parade, the col-lege military corps was given its final review for the year.

The Grover Cleveland, Association has forwarded a wreath to the cemetery at Princeton, N. J., to be pinced on the grave of the former president on the anniversary of his death.

Live situation in Massachusetts in its bearing upon the arrangements arrived at between the department of justice at Washington and the road's representatives for the road's relinquishment of certain of its subsidiaries.

A resolution was unsnimously passachusetts in its searing upon the arrangements arrived at between the department of justice at the subsidiaries.

J. T. Kane of Chicago was teday elected president of the International Association of Journeymen Horse, shoers at Memphis, Tenn. The association of Journeymen Horse,

clation will meet next year at Buffalo,

At the alumni dinner of Williams College, President Garfield announced that only \$100,000 is still to be raised to secure the first million of the \$2,000,000 endowment fund started a

Salsonkeepers in Minnesota countles formed from Indian lands were given a rehearing on the Supreme Court's de-cision which upheld the Federal Gov-

A bill providing for the initiative and referendam was rejected in the Mass-achusetts House because of failure to muster the two-thirds majority nec "Izzy" Lipkin, who posed as a constable in the office of a magistrate in Philadelphia pleaded guilty to con-spiracy and perjury in straw ball transactions and was sentenced to

four years' imprisonment. spectors decided to grant a parole to William A. Death, one of the four men implicated in the murder of Jennie Bosscheiter at Paterson 14 years ago. He was serving a 30-year term.

burg-American Line Pennsylvania, is in a hospital because he used an American flag as a handkerchief. Wil-liam Anders, a pier employe was ar-rested, but was released when he ex-

CLAFLIN FAILURE IS BIGGEST EVER

Estimated Company Owes More Than \$30,000,000-Assets Said to be \$44,000,000

FROM 3,000 TO 5,000 BANKS HOLD NOTES

According to Mr. Claffin Failure Was Due to Shifting of Trade Centers in New York City-Rapid Extension of Business of Stores in Other Cities Called for Capital Require ments Which Company Was Not Able to Meet-Busine s to be Continued by Receivers Until Financial Affairs Have Been Adjusted-Steps are Being Taken to Protect Note Holders-United Dry Goods Company Not Involved in Failure.

New York, June 25.—The biggest mercantile failure in the history of the United States was precipitated today when receivers were appointed for the H. B. Claffin company of this city. The company, it is estimated, owes more than \$32,000,000 which at the present time it is unable to pay. Its passets are wait to be \$1.000 to be present time it is unable to pay. Its passets are waited to be \$1.000 to be present time it is unable to pay. Its passets are waited to be \$1.000 to be present time it is unable to pay. Its passets are waited to be \$1.000 to be present time it is unable to pay. Its passets passets are waited to be \$1.000 to be present time it is unable to pay. Its passets passets are waited to be \$1.000 to be paid to be \$1.000 to be payed to be payed to be \$1.000 to be payed to be pa H. B. Claffin company of this city. The company, it is estimated, owes more than \$20,000,000 which at the present time it is unable to pay. Its assets are said to be \$44,000,000, John Claffin, head of the concern, and its chief individual stockholder, is the owner of schein of nearly thirty other owner of a chain of nearly thirty other dry goods enterprises throughout the country which are involved in the failure. Receivers for several of these were named today, and similar action, it was announced, would be taken in the case of the rest. Their business will be continued under receivers' management until their financial affairs have been adjusted. Banks Hold Notes.

From 2,000 to 5,000 banks in all parts of the United States compose the of the Claffin creditors. They notes aggregating the major part of the liabilities. These notes are said to have been issued by the various Claffin stores endorsed by H. B. Claffin company and the proceeds used, when dis-counted, in financing their needs.

The United Drygoods company, a \$51,000,000 corporation financed sev eral years ago by J. P. Morgan & company to take over other Claffin interests, is not involved in the failure.

Neither is the "Associated Merchants' company, owned by the United Drygoods company, and which in turn owns one-half of the H. B. Claffin company and a number of other large stores, principally in New York, Claffin Resigns as President. Mr. Claffin, who was president oth the dry goods and associat merchants' companies, resigned those positions today, and it is understood that when the H. B. Claffin company is reorganized its connection with both the former companies will be perma-

The crash came today after vain ef-NEW HAVEN DIRECTORS TO

FIGHT MASSACHUSETTS PLAN. New York, June 25.—Chairman How-ard Elliott and the directors of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company at a special meeting

today considered in detail the legisla-tive situation in Massachusetts in its bearing upon the arrangements arrived the anniversary of his death.

J. O. Davis, customs collector at San Francisco, told Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Malburn he needed 200 extra men to handle the work at the Extra and Mains held for the headth. extra men to handle the work at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Frederick H. Appleton of Bangor.
Me, today was elected a member of the board of trustees of Bowdoin College to fill the veancy caused by the death of General Joshua L. Chamberlain.

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be taken up by the state at a price to be fixed by agreement or by a court. This condition, according to the resolution, would make the shares unsalable and also would place the company in a worse position than if it were compelled to sell its shares by decree of the federal court.

If the bill should be passed in its present form, the resolution indicates that the company will contest it in the courts.

The contention is made in the reso-lution that unless the stock can be sold at a fair price within the limited time allowed by the agreement with the United States "the shareholders of the New Haven will sustain a great loss and this provision prevents such a sale and defeats the purpose of the United States unless it is accomplish-ed at a serious loss to the company."

Man Drowned at Lakewood.

Waterbury, Conn., June 25.—Peter White, aged 35 years, was drowned at Lakewood this afternoon. A companion diving into the water upset the boat and White, who could not swim, drowned in 15 feet of water. His body was recovered early tonight. Mme. Burgeon, a diving girl with the New England shows, playing here this week, assisted in recovering the body.

Decrease In Wells Fargo Dividend. New York, June 25.—Wells Farge & company today declared a semi-annual dividend of 8 per cent, a reduction of 2 per cent from the previous rate. Since 1906 the company has been paying annual dividends of 19 per cent.

Britte, Mont., June 25.—Three suspects are in the county jall and officials are looking for a fourin as a result of what the sheriffs office was led to believe were designs on the life of Charles II. Moyer.

but the hundreds of note-holding banks throughout the country continued to press their claims until it became evident that practically the whole \$30,000,000 would have to be raised to save the company from failure. Mr. Claffin at a conference lasting until after midnight last night with J. P. Morgan, J. S. Alexander, president of the National Bank of Commerce, Albert H.Wiggins, president of the Chase National bank, and other financiers, made a last appeal, but the decision went against him. The bankers believed that a receivership and a reorganization of the H. B. Claffin company which would include its separation from the United Drygood company and the Associated Merchants' company was wlasest course to pursue. At this meeting Mr. Claffin is said to have announced his intention to resign from the two latter concerns. Friendly Suit in Equity Filed.

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Today John C, Eames, vice president of the H. B, Claffin company, filed a friendly suit in equity against it, alleging that it was unable at present to meet its liabilities and, this being admitted by the company, Judge Hand in the federal court appointed as receivers Joseph B, Martindale, president of the Chemical National bank, and Frederick A. Juillard, a dry goods merchant.

Almost simulatneously a petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed by three merchandise creditors whose attorneys announced they would seek the appointment of other receivers. In this action subpoemacs were issued for Mr. Claffin, Mr. Elames and Dexter N. Force, treasurer of the company, to appear and show cause on or before July 2 why it should not be adjudged bankrupt.

mently severed. Cornelius N. Bliss, son of the late New York dry goods merchant of that name, was elected to succeed him.

According to Mr. Claffin, the failure was due to the unprecedented shifting of trade centers in New York city, which compelled the concern to rely mainly upon its retail stores in other cities for its profits.

"Their rapidly extending business," he said, "occasioned large capital requirements which we have not been able to meet."

The crash came today after vain ef-

THE CONSTITUTIONALISTS.

Niagara Palls, Ont., June 25.—As 25 will probably be several days before the mediators are called upon to take any further action in relation to the Mexican problem, Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil left here tonight for a few down and Minister Surveys of Gama of Brazil left here tombt for a few days, and Minister Surrex of Chile probably will depart tomosrow or Satarday. Minister Naon of Argentina will remain to greet the constitutionalist delegation.

No word was received today from the constitutionalist representatives. It is not known when they will reach here. It is presumed that upon the arrival of Fernando Iglesias Calderon in Washington he will wish to confer at length with Luis Cabrera, Rafael Zabaran and Jose Vasconcelos before they enter into negotiations with the Huerta delegates. Mr. Calderon has just come from long association with the constitutionalists at the headquarters of General Carranza and he is supposed to possess intimate deialle of the purposes of the revolutionary leaders.

All the members of the mediation

DROWNING BOY OCT "DEATH CEUTCH"

Shelton, Conn., June 25.—Samuel Rodinsky, 12 years old, was drowned in the Housatonic river late today, despite heroic efforts to save him by his chum, Walter Mars, The boy got beyond his depth while in hathing and cried for help. Mars, an excellent swimmer, reached him, but had to break the "death clutch" in order to cave his own life. Once again he reached Rodinsky, but could not hold him. As Mars swam for shore the drowning boy grabbed him by the andle. Mars started to tow him ashere, but Rodinsky weakened, lost his hold and drowned. The body was recovered.

Sable Island, N. S. June 35.—Ster er Pallio, Liverpool for New Y signalled 126 mile seast of Sandy H at 11 a. m. Dock 10 a. m. Satury New York, June 35.—Stemar R. er Franz Joseph J. Trieste for J York, signafied 100 miles cost of S dy Hook at midnight 26th, Dock 1 a. m. Suturdey,